

<b>Report For:</b>	<b>Executive</b>								
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	09 February 2021								
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Interim Service Director, Policy Communities &amp; Engagement</b>								
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Angela Fraser</b>								
<b>Subject:</b>	Reference from Scrutiny Children's Services Review Group: Integrated Family Partnership Service Proposals and Delivery of Universal Services								
<b>Lead Executive Member(s):</b>	Councillor Khan								
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All								
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## Recommendations

- The Children's Services Review Group (CSRG) support the proposals and request the Executive seriously considers where outside providers take over from council run services that sufficient support is in place prior to implementation.**

## Background

- At the meeting of the Children's Services Review Group held on 21 January 2021, the Service Director Quality and Improvement, submitted a report on Integrated Family Partnership Service Proposals and Delivery of Universal Services.
- The CSRG received an update on progress on proposals to develop an integrated service combining existing services such as; the flying start children's centres, early help services and supervised contact services at the Manor Road contact centre. The committee was also provided with an outlined on alternative potential delivery models for universal services.
- The new integrated family partnership services is based on principles of reprioritising services to support the most vulnerable children, young people and families in Luton. The proposals intend to achieve efficiencies in the departments overall savings target to ensure Luton's services support the most vulnerable by aligning with the principles of the development of the corporate Target Operating Model to strengthen statutory services and increase targeted intervention for the most vulnerable children and their families.

## The Current Position

- At the Emergency Budget Council meeting in July last year a number of proposals put forward included a £1.5m savings to be made from integrating services, merging management structures, ceasing delivery of a range of universal targeted services and closing a number of children's centres.

6. The remaining resources to be targeted at supporting the most vulnerable families delivered from two main delivery hubs (Leagrave and Manor Contact Centre) with a satellite delivery sites (London Road Resource Centre and Beech Hill Children's Centre).
7. The CSRG fully support the proposals within the report and resolve the following:
  - (i) That the Executive seriously considers where outside providers take over from council run services that sufficient support is in place prior to implementation.
8. The committee unanimously supported the above resolution.

## Goals and Objectives

9. To consider the recommendation from the CSRG on integrated family partnership service proposals and delivery of universal services.

## Proposal

10. The CSRG request the Executive to consider the recommendation from it meeting on 21 January 2021.

## Key Risks

11. See Executive report item 11.

## Consultations

12. N/A

## Alternative options considered and rejected (please specify)

13. To accept the recommendation of the CSRG or reject the recommendation of the CSRG and request further information.

## Appendices Attached

14. n/a

## List of Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972, Section 100D

15. None.

## Implications - an appropriate officer must clear all statements

For CLMT only Legal and Finance are required

## Required

Item	Details	Clearance Agreed By	Dated
<b>Legal</b>	There are no legal implication to this report	Vicky Sowah Principal Solicitor	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>Finance</b>	The financial implications are included in the main body of the Executive report at item 11.	Atif Iqbal (Finance)	29 January 2021

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		Business Partner)	
<b>Equalities / Cohesion / Inclusion (Social Justice)</b>	<p>There is likely to be a negative impact of this proposal on community cohesion, tackling poverty and health &amp; wellbeing of service users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence suggests that some BAME groups may be more adversely impacted if these Services are less accessible</li> <li>• The inability to travel for those living in poverty or are experiencing deprivation.</li> <li>• Universal preventive services to support children and families health and wellbeing will be directly impacted with the removal of Flying Start centres</li> <li>• Expectant parents and those with pre-school children will also be impacted by the cessation of a large proportion of universal services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Positive:</b> There will also be a positive impact on the following protected characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Age</b> – A greater focus on targeted support, thereby ensuring we have effective multidisciplinary teams working with families with children of all ages.</li> </ul> <p><b>Care responsibilities.</b> Services will provide additional targeted/specialist interventions as part team around the child and family/carer</p>	Maureen Drummond, Equality and Diversity Adviser	27 January 2021
<b>Environment</b>	This report has no direct environmental implications	Shaun Askins – Service Manager Strategy & Sustainability	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>Health</b>	The recommendation does not have any specific public health implications, as it relates to choice of provider. However, the model proposed does not include a continuance of universal provision to prevent families entering a higher threshold of need. A funded model for mitigating the significant and potentially detrimental changes to universal and early help services has not yet been agreed. The	Lucy Hubber, Director of Public Health	28/01/2021

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	implementation of changes will adversely and disproportionately affect the most vulnerable families and children and negatively impact on the health and wellbeing of the population.		

**Optional**

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<b>Community Safety</b>			
<b>Staffing</b>			
<b>Other</b>			